

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

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0100-0367

**Case Title:**

Exxon Mobil

**Subject of Report:**

Interview of (b)(6), (b) on September 25, 2007

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**SYNOPSIS**

09/25/2007 - (b)(6), (b) was interviewed via telephone regarding (b) observations of an oil spill in the Island End River area of Chelsea and (b) resulting call to the US Coast Guard on January 10, 2006.

**DETAILS**

On September 25, 2007, (b)(6), (b) was interviewed via telephone regarding (b) observations of an oil spill in the Island End River area of Chelsea and (b) resulting call to the US Coast Guard on January 10, 2006. (b) voluntarily provided, in substance, the following information:

(b) is employed as a marine surveyor and had formerly been employed by Walton Systems located in Chelsea. (b) is currently working for Marine Projects out of country and has been extensively involved in surveying the vessels that were involved in a large marine accident and oil spill in Guyana. (b) expects to testify as an expert in litigation of that matter. (b) provided (b) telephone number as (b)(6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) said (b) has worked with the Coast Guard over the years in (b) capacity as a marine surveyor and is familiar with oil spill response. On the morning of January 10, 2006, (b) was at the Admiral's Hill Marina in Chelsea to survey a customer's yacht. When (b) arrived, (b) observed a large oil sheen in the Island End River and all throughout the marina. (b) said (b) was very familiar with Island End River and over the years, there had always been some historic amount of oil bubbling through the ground to the water at one point or another. In recent years, it had gotten much better and cleaner. The sheen (b) observed on this day was

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not normal and was extensive. It smelled of diesel fuel and there was "heavy pooling" with a significant sheen that indicated to (b) that there was a large spill source somewhere.

There was an "upcoming tide" at the time and (b) surmised that the source of the spill was from somewhere near the mouth of Island End River. (b) did not know specifically from where it was coming. (b) then called and reported the release to the Coast Guard. (b) then went about (b) work. Later, (b) recalled seeing Coast Guard staff in the area, but did not get involved in the matter further since (b) was busy doing (b) work.

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